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SUBJECT: NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES SYMPOSIUM

REF: SEOUL 5075

1. REGFISHATT LEARNED FROM CONVERSATION WITH MR. KANG (DEP-DIRECTOR, ROKOFA) 7/30/73 THAT GOJ COULD NOT ATTEND PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM ALASKA POLLOCK IN HAWAII NEXT MONTH. THIS WAS CONFIRMED YESTERDAY BY YONEZAWA (COUNCILLOR, DIV MARINE FISH, JFA).

2. REASON GIVEN WAS THE LARGE NUMBER OF FISHERY MEETINGS JFA SCIENTISTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND EACH YEAR AND GENERAL LIMITATION ON TRAVEL FUNDS. ALSO APPROPRIATE SCIENTISTS WOULD BE BUSY AT THAT TIME PREPARING FOR BILATERAL AND INPFC SCIENTISTS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN TOKYO IN OCTOBER. YONEZAWA POINTED OUT JAPAN'S ALASKA POLLOCK/GROUNDFISH DATA WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN ANY CASE AT THOSE MEETINGS WITH US AND CANADIAN SCIENTISTS AND IN MANY RESPECTS HAWAIIAN MEETING WOULD DUPLICATE PRESENTATIONS LATER IN TOKYO.

4. MORE SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, IS REMARK MADE BY YONEZAWA THAT JAPAN HAD MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE DATA ON ALASKA POLLOCK

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AND GOJ AND MEMBERS FISHING INDUSTRY WERE RELUCTANT TO HAVE THIS

DATA PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT A MEETING WHERE IT COULD BE COPIED AND USED BY KOREAN (KOREAN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED) AND SCIENTISTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. REGFISHATT INTERPRETS THIS TO REFLECT GROWING CONCERN IN JAPAN FISHING INDUSTRY ON INCREASING KOREAN TRAWL FISHERY FOR ALASKA POLLOCK IN THE BERING SEA NORTH PACIFIC AND DECISION FOR JAPAN TO NOT ATTEND SYMPOSIUM MAY HAVE ORIGINATED WITHIN THE INDUSTRY.

5. YONEZAWA FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT USSR WAS NOT PLANNING ON SENDING SCIENTISTS TO THIS MEETING BUT REGFISHATT UNABLE TO CONFIRM.
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